NAPOLEON AND JOSEPHINE. No Doubt That the Former Was Madly is

Love. The meeting of Napoleon and Josephine was an event of first importance. His own account twice relates that a beautiful and tearful boy presented himself, soon after the disarmament of the sections, to the commander of the city, and asked for the sword of his father. The request was granted, and next day the boy's mother, Mme. Beauharnais, came to thank the general for his kindly act of restitution. Captivated by her grace Buonaparte was henceforward her slave. A cold critic must remember that in the first place there was no disarmament of anybody after the events of October 5, the only action of the convention which might even be construed into hostility being a decree making emigrants ineligible for election to the legislature under the new constitution; that in the second place this story attributes to destiny what was really due to the friendship of Barras, a fact which his beneficiary would like to have forgotten or concealed; and finally, that the beneficiary left another account in which he confessed that he first met his wife at Barras' house, this being confirmed by Lucien in his memoirs. * * * There are hints, too, in various contemporary documents and in the circumstances themselves that Barras was an adroit match-maker. In a letter attributed to Josephine, but without address, a bright light seems to be thrown on the facts. She asks a female friend for advice on the question of the match. After a jocular introduction of her suitor as anxious to become a father to the children of Alexandre de Beauharnais and the husband of his widow, she gives a sportive but merciless dissection of her own character, and declares that while she does not love him, she feels no repugnance. But can she meet his wishes or fulfill his desires? "I admire the general's courage; the extent of his information about all manner of things, concerning which he talks equally well; the quickness of his intelligence, which makes him catch the thought of another even before it is expressed; but I confess I am afraid of the power he seems anxious to wield over all about him. His piercing scrutiny has in it something strange and sinexplicable that awes even our directors; think, then, how it frightens a woman." The writer is also terrified by the very ardor of her suitor's passion. Past her first youth, how can she hope to keep for herself that "violent tenderness" which is almost a frenzy? Would he the meetings which have afforded me not soon cease to love her, and regret | so much pleasure are to be disconwould be tears-a sorry one, indeed. but still the only one. "Barras declares that if I marry the general he will secure for him the chief command of the army of Italy. Yesterday Bonaparte, not yet granted, already has let his proper sphere in life, and when it does once, but he scouted at the idea and speaking of this favor, which, although colleagues in arms to murmuring, said 'Do they think I need protection to succeed? Some day they will be only too happy if I give them mine. My sword is at my side, and with it I shall go far.' What do you think of this assuraned of success? Is it not a proof of confidence arising from excessive self-esteem? A brigadier-general protecting the heads of the government! I don't know; but sometimes this ridiculous self-reliance leads me to the point of believing everything possible which this strangs man would have me do; and

Josephine herself. What motives may have combined to overcome her scruples we can not tell; perhaps a love of adventure, probably an awakened ambition for a success in other domains than the one which advancing years would soon compel her to abandon. She knew that Bonaparte had no fortune whatever; she must have known likewise, on the highest authority, that both favor and fortune would by her assistance soon be his. At all events, his suit made swift advance, and by the end of January he was secure of his prize.

with his imagination, who can reckon

what he would undertake." This let-

ter, though often quoted, is so remark-

later invention. If actually written

able that, as some think, it may be a

On February 9, 1796, their bans were proclaimed; on March 2 the bridegroom received his bride's dowry in his own appointment, on Carnot's motion, not on that of Barras, as chief of the army of Italy, still under the name of Bonaparte; on the seventh he was handed his commission; on the ninth the marriage ceremony was performed by the civil magistrate; and on the eleventh the husband started for his post. In the marriage certificate at Paris the groom gives his age as twentyeight, but in reality he was twenty-seven; the bride, who was thirty-three, gives hers as not quite twenty-nine. Her name is spelled Detascher, his Bonaparte. A new birth, a new baptism, a new career, a new start in a new sphere, go your own way now. Come, daugh-Corsica forgotten, Jacobson renounced. Gen. and Mme. Ronaparte made their bow to the world. The ceremony attracted no public attention, and was most unceremonious, no member of the family from either side being present. Mme. Mere, in fact, was very angry, and foretold that with such a difference in age the union would be barren -Prof. Sloane, in Century.

The Effect of Kindness.

"Does your husband smoke much?" "No, indeed! I find the best way to manage him is to let him have his own

way."
"You didn't encourage him

"Certainly. I bought him a box of cigars myself, and told him to go right ahead. He smoked once after that and then gave up the habit."-Washington

A Contrast. Young Man-There goes Lieut. Nwith his wife, the loveliest and most amiable creature I ever set eyes on. Aye, these lieutenants always have the

pick. Ah! poor me! Lieut N—(to his wife)—It will perhaps be best for us to part. You have made me wretched enough. I'd rather have wedded the poorest and plainest girl in creation than put up with such a vixen as you arel-Humoristische Blatter.



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CHAPTER XL-CONTINUED. Turning her clear eyes full upon his face, in low, musical tones, she replied:

"Mr. Thornton, you are a man of wise judgment, and one who can fully appreciate the proprieties of life. Please allow your better judgment to rule and do not be offended at what I am going to say. I have, as you surmised, purposely avoided meeting you as I once did. If you will try to fully understand me I will frankly explain my position. To our little world here you are known but as a private soldier in the ranks, on the same footing with your comrades."

"Yes, but you know-" "Pardon me a moment. I know what others do not. Knowing you but as a private soldier, what would be the verdict of the official circles were it to become a matter of gossip that the daughter of the commanding officer was in the habit of meeting you on terms of social equality? It would be looked upon almost as a crime by those who regard the social barrier between official circles and the ranks as impregnable. Now, my friend, with all candor I will say to you that I hold Mr. Edward Thornton in the highest esteem and feel honored with his friendship. I believe him to be my equal in everything that goes to make up true manhood and womanhood, and entirely worthy of my highest regard. But as long as he is unfortunately compelled to move in a sphere of life beneath that in which I am placed I must not allow my regard for the gentleman to overstep the line drawn by the hand of propriety and myself descend to his temporary level. I think I have correctly interpreted your nature, my good friend, and I believe you would suffer any personal disappointment cheerfully rather than in the least that Brown sat in his accustomed degree compromise myself or draw upon place, his sketch book on his knee. me the rebuke of my friends. Do you not think it best that we should see less of each other?"

"Miss Sanford," he replied, "I fully appreciate the stand you have taken, and your action increases my regard for you. It has occurred to me at times that by evincing a friendship for you might be chided by your friends a model soldier. for disregarding the rules of military etiquette. I would suffer as keenly as yourself were you to be in the least compromised by your association with me. Am I to understand, then, that

"Not altogether. I trust we may meet at times and that we will remain good friends. The day will come, Mr. Thornton, perhaps sooner than we expect, when you will cast aside your soldier character and reenter your come I hope to yet be numbered among your friends. I will at times be pleased to see your sketches, and, believe me, though propriety demands a less display of friendship, I yet hold you in the highest esteem and will do all I consistently can to lighten the load you bear. But we are nearing papa. Will you sketch to-morrow? I think I

will take a ride down the Mesa trail." "I will, Miss Sanford, at my old rock seat. Before we part I must express my thanks and gratitude to you for this conversation. My heart will be lighter, for, though I may but seldom see you, I will feel that you are my friend. God bless you." "Thank you, Mr. Thornton. Why,

how pleasantly papa is smiling. That means a good-natured scolding for me." later, it was probably the invention of "Aha! you little truant," the colonel cried. "Your tastes are very eccentric, I must say, Miss Sunshine. You run away from your old ogre of a father to accept the attentions of a young officer, then discard him for a private soldier of better looks and, damme, I must say, more soldierly bearing. I thought you would never get to me, you rode so

slowly with your new escort." "O, papa, my poor pony was so tired could not push him. This is Private Brown, the young artist of whom I told

"Private Brown, eh? Oho! I see it now. This is the young man who was recently brought to my attention through the proceedings of a court-martial, and I can understand why Vandever cut and run when he saw him approaching. He feared the man's temper might again lose step, and the dose be repeated. Eh, Sunshine?" "O, no, papa. Mr. Vandever did not

know the young man was approaching us. He chose to return to the fort by another route, that is all."

"That's all, eh? Well, you don't know whether he saw him or not. I am inclined to think he did. But now for home. This insatiable, unreasonable, tyrannical appetite of mine demands immediate attention. I thank you, Brown, for the trouble I put you to in chasing this runaway. You can

"Instead of being a trouble, sir, I assure you it was a pleasure to be able to serve you in even so slight a manner." Brown saluted the officer, raised his cap to Alice and galloped away toward

the fort. "Why, how infernally courteous the fellow is!" said the colonel, gazing after the retreating figure with admiring eyes. "And how soldierly his bearing. He's a handsome dog, too. See how he sits on that horse, daughterhow like a knight of old he poses in the saddle. I believe Colby told me he had him booked for promotion, and by Jupiter I'll see that he doesn't forget it. had spent in your society, and as the de-A pleasure to be able to serve me, eh? tails of our meetings grouped them- drinking in his every word with like that. No wonder he knocked

that popinjay off his dainty feet." guished himself in several actions with : 25, heart to you.

the Indians, papa.'

the colonel she said:

while in an irresponsible condition."

to them, Sunshine." "But if his story should prove to be

secured:

"Discharge such a man as that? Not can't spare a good soldier in these days, my dear. Did the fellow ask you to plead for his discharge?"

in allowing himself to drink until irresponsible for his acts, and that he highly of you. You have awakened in his ability."

not desire a discharge why do you ask | Thornton, I-I-do respect you above if one could be secured?

"Because I feel that it is unjust to compel such a man to live a life of be such a useful member of society, and I thought if there were a possibility of securing his release I would broach the subject to him and might gain his consent to be restored to his friends. I'm sure he has been punished enough, You allow your sympathies to kick

your judgment into smithereens, girlie. The fellow has been amusing himself were you to go to him and hand him a discharge he would laugh at you and refuse to accept it. Pay no attention to such chaff, daughter. Damme, I like the fellow's appearance, though, and I'll see Colby and give him a hint that there is good non-commissioned timber there.

CHAPTER XIL The following afternoon Alice rode down the mesa trail and her heart throbbed with pleasure when she noted She approached him with a smiling face and extended her hand when he rose to greet her.

"Worshiping at the shrine of art, as usual," she said, as he assisted her to dismount. "And what study have you chosen to-day? But before we discuss your picture I have something very one far beneath you in the social scale | pleasant to tell you. Papa thinks you

"He does? Well, it is indeed pleasant to receive a compliment from such a source. So you discussed me after I left vou vesterday?"

Alice told him all that had been said, excepting the references to his discharge from the service. "It will be hard to convince the

not know that you had made him acquainted with the circumstances of my enlistment." "Oh, didn't I tell you? Well, I told

him, or, rather, started to tell him. bade me not listen to such stories from the soldiers."

"He will not always laugh at it," Brown replied, with a tinge of resentment in his voice. "The day will come when he will believe in me, and-But let us discuss some other matter. I have something very serious to say to you to-day, Miss Sanford, and I trust you will hear me through before condeming me. I have given the matter most serious thought, and have determined to pursue the only manly course my judgment presents. In justice to you, in justice to myself, in obedience to the promptings of manhood, I have determined to unbosom my soul to you, and for the moment may I ask you to forget that you are listening to the words of a private soldier and look upon me as Edward Thornton, a man of whose friendship you have no cause to feel ashamed.

"Miss Sanford, I speak to you now as one who feels that he is your equal in life, as nearly as man can equal the beautiful womanly flowers which God in His goodness sends to gladden the world. Since my first meeting with you on this, to me, sacred spot the knowledge that you have been my friend has flooded my life with purest sunshine. I had grown to look for your coming with a yearning which I could scarcely understand, and I could feel my soul go out in gladness to you at your approach, and when, after the unfortunate affair which shut me from your presence for a time, I returned here day after day and you came not, my heart was troubled and my life seemed cast into impenetrable gloom. Yesterday your welcoming smile dispelled the clouds, and I left your side my heart dancing with resurrected joy. In my blanket bed last night I reviewed the happy hours I



'PAPA THINKS YOU ARE A MODEL SOL-

DIER." brain I determined that another sun

"Distinguished himself? Of course ishing a false hope in my bosom I ness. More and more brilliant grew he did. My experienced old eyes can- should know it ere that hope has so the radiant colors as the great orb of port.—Washington Post. not be fooled, Sunshine, and they see a firmly taken root that it would wound day withdrew its face from the grand --- When a reporter politely told soldier in that man—a soldier who will me almost to the death to pluck it out panorama of plain and mountain, until Senator Cullom that his name was on do a duty when he sees it. There, his and cast it away. Day by day, as the the whole western skies hung as a the list of presidential possibilities he campaigns instead of being based on cap has fallen off. Now watch him. tender, creeping vine entwines itself golden canopy above the mighty range. smiled and said he had not given the affirmative principles have come to be See that mount? Precise! Precise! Sol- more closely about the supporting oak, The lovers sat and gazed upon the matter a thought. Neither has the a series of criticisms and attacks, not dierly in every move, just as I mounted a feeling of affection for you has grown wondrous picture in blissful silence un country.—Kansas City Star. in my younger days. Now, damme, I in my heart, and reason and manhood til Alice softly whispered: need a step-ladder and a horse that tell me that should it be rooting there will stand as solid as the Rock of Ages only to wither and die beneath the A forecast of our future when our maruntil I get a firm seat in the saddle."

Alice's face glowed with much pleasure to hear her father bestow such brighting frost of disappointment it should be killed in its weaker life. My golden radiance from the never setting fr praises upon her hero. Thinking the with no fair prospects in the life be-

opportunity a favorable one to yet fur- | fore me I would not insult you by askther advance him in the estimation of lag you to listen to such a confession, but as I will some day step from the "And don't you remember, papa, he ranks into an honored place among my is the man I told you of who was an fellow men, as, on the burial from sight honored, respectable gentleman in civil of Private Brown the humble soldier, life, and who was induced to enlist Mr. Edward Thornton the gentleman

will be resurrected, I feel that I do not "I recall some such story, but the in the least encroach upon the lines of army's full of martyrs, who all have propriety by what I am going to ask fairy stories to tell. You mustn't listen you. My little, my valued friend, the bud of affection now growing in my breast is fast bursting into the full true, papa, could not his discharge be blown flower of radiant love, and I must ask you if when I am restored to the world and can lay before you by a jug full. We need more such men every proof that I am a man worthy of when soldier material is so scarce. We you, I may hope to win your love and

some day ask you to be my wife?" "Mr. Thornton, I-I-this is so unexpected. I don't know what to say to "No, papa. On the contrary he said you. I believe in you. I believe you he regarded his present condition as a are sincere in all you say, and that you deserved punishment for wrong doing are actuated only by the purest motives. I have learned to think very would manfully serve his time and do my heart a feeling new to me, but O, I his duty as a soldier to the very best of should not listen to you now. Give me time to think. My brain is whirling "Tut, tut. All moonshine. If he does with this strange revelation. Mr. all men. I feel toward you as I never before felt toward a man. You seem very near and-and-dear to me, andservitude in the ranks when he would | O, I cannot tell you what I feel. cannot express my thought." He gently took one of her hands and

holding it between both of his own, said to her: "Miss Sanford-Alice, I believe I hold

a warm place in your purest of womanly hearts, and the belief floods my soul with a joy almost boundless. Just a word from your lips, just one little word telling me I may hope some day telling you a cock and bull story, and in the future to win you, and my soldier life will pass as but a dream from which I will awaken into a heaven of joy and rapture. Will you give me this hope, Alice?"

"O, Mr. Thornton, I can no longer stifle the words which rise from my heart. I do love you; I have long loved you, and have nightly prayed to my Father in Heaven that the social barrier between us might melt away that I might not so fear my love was hopeless. Yes, my king among men, you may

"WILL YOU GIVE ME THIS HOPE, ALICE?"

world I will be as proud to proclaim | mint to draw upon in our customs du- tariff in the direction of an increase in your love for me as I am now proud to | ties, and, if we had used this in a busi- duties." possess it."

"May Heaven bless you, my dear girl, for that assurance. It will be the guiding star to lead me from this bondage to the freedom of independence. I have dared to paint the most glowing mental pictures of our future, for I come into my life and reign as queen over my heart and home. Your father s growing old, my dear one, and will no doubt soon be satisfied with the proud distinction he has won by lifeseek retirement that he may pass the evening of his life in peace and quietude. I will be able to lay wealth at your feet, and in a lovely home somewhere, with that good old man as our especial care, we will live surrounded by a halo of love which no clouds can ever dim. Is not the picture a pleasant one to contemplate?"

"Beautiful! Beautiful!" she replied, her face glowing with the new joy which filled her heart, "and I pray the dear Lord that no cruel blow may fall to crush our hopes. Will you not now use every endeavor to secure your discharge from the service?"

"You must be patient, dear one. I to be done. And now, Alice, we both have a part to play. It must never be known that a word of love has been spoken between us. I fully realize your position, and know but too well the reproach which would be cast upon you were it to become known that you had placed your affections upon a private in the ranks, and we must guard well our secret until I can come forward as a man and claim the dearest prize God ever held within the reach of lover's eager hand. Take one assurance to your heart, my darling. I will never claim that prize until I can do so as one who stands your equal in social life, and who can face your father as man to man and ask him for the priceless treasure he so dearly loves." "O, I fear I can never hide my love,"

she replied in tremulous voice. "When I see you my eyes will tell the story plainly as words, and when I address you in the presence of others my voice will proclaim that which prudence bids me conceal. I will be very happy, Edward, yet very impatient for the day of your deliverance to come. Will you not try to hasten it?"

"Yes, Alice, I will. After a day or two when I have had time to fully formulate my plans I will write to my aunt, and the dear old soul will follow any suggestion I may make looking to my release. It will not be long ere I can claim my-my-little-wife.

Her breast was filled with a strange rapture, and a smile of radiant joy lit up her fresh young face. For more than an hour they sat there upon the rock lost in a blissful dream of love, he painting bright pictures of a future alight with roseate happiness, she selves in a beautiful picture in my rapturous delight. The sun slowly sank behind the San Mateo peaks, "And Capt. Colby says he distin- should not set before I had laid bare flashing back great showers of golden light to tinge the fleecy clouds with 'Miss Sanford, if I have been nour- rare colorings of transparent loveli-

"It is an omen of good, my beloved.

TTO BE CONTINUED.

WHAT MADE THE INCOME TAX. THE POSITION OF M'KINLEY. Causes That Have Placed It on the Stat-

Many of those who are repining beany necessity for such an impost. of informal caucus. They attribute it to the democratic party, and they blame that party for a Mr. Joseph Medill, one of the particimight have been spared those who are to pay it. It is true that the democratic party is responsible for the law, dature for the presidency, in addition but it is not at all so plain either that to trying to straddle the silver quesit is unnecessary, or that this party is tion, propose also to try to straddle the responsible for the state of facts that tariff question? be concisely said to be increased expenditures of the government and tax a logical, if not an inevitable, out- that bore his name. of the government for a long period.

There are those now living who can lieve he is. remember when the expenditures of Gov. McKinley has never struck a to but \$13,000,000 per annum. This was been met by as strong a blow from the annual outlay during John Quincy Mr. Medill. The editor of the Tribune charges made against his administra- it was being enacted into law by contion was that it was extravagant. In gress, and afterward when it was beless than twenty years this sum had ing defended and lauded by the govtrebled in amount. It steadily rose ernor on the stump. During the last thereafter till the days of the war of campaign, while the governor was the rebellion. The expenditures of touring the country in the interest of that period and the war debt that re- protection, Mr. Medill's paper was insulted gave it enormous additional pro- cessant and terrific in its assaults upon portions. The country had increased the McKinley act. No stronger ingreatly at the same time in area, and dictments of McKinleyism have been pay off much of the debt, and brought | by the Chicago Tribune. surplus into the treasury. A surplus But this Thomasville symposium has did, what a surplus always does, it in- apparently satisfied Mr. Medill that duced habits of extravagance. There the Ohio governor has been misunderwas a period under it when it seemed stood, for the editor makes the sudden as if our legislators sought to devise means for spending money. This habit | ment that his choice for the presidency had its inevitable effect. It sent the next year is no less a person than Gov. national expenditures constantly higher, until they reached the enormous amount of \$500,000,000 a year. We had journal of the west and the most conbegun with \$13,000,000; we ended with \$500,000,000.

Our national legislators, if they had might have been that we could have McKinleyism, where and what is the upon the policy of fixing our rate of nal. duties primarily with a view to what was called protection rather than for have long felt that you would some day | revenue. Long ago this was begun by a repeal of the duties on tea and coffee, which cut off many millions from our national income. The friends of protection, on the one hand, thought that the repeal would give more room ong service of his country, and will for protective duties on other articles. and others who were not in agreement with them feared the charge that they were taxing the poor man's breakfast table. So these duties were abolished. This was followed later by the taking of duties from sugar. In this way \$100,000,000, if not more, was removed from our revenue. It is not difficult to find the genesis of the income tax

right there. Take the two together-the unthinking and unscrupulous increase of government expenditures and the failure to adopt ordinary prudent methods for the raising of revenue-and we account fully for the income tax. It was inevitable if that policy was to be purmust have time to think what is best sued. It must come sooner or later. The republicans, when they went to the extent of running up the expenditures of the government to \$500,000,000 a year and at the same time took \$60,-000,000 from the revenue by the repeal of the sugar duties, besides paying out \$10,000,000 of bounty to sugar producers, hastened the time of its appearance. They were more responsible for it than were the democrats, who were the immediate agents to place it on the statute book. The former created the necessity for revenue to meet deficiencies, and this, coming just at the time when the populist feeling of the country was aroused against the possession of great wealth in comparatively few hands, was a provocative to the passage of the measure, which only blindness could fail to see was sure to result as it

has resulted. We have not discussed above the right or the wrong of this measure. We have only brought to mind the causes that have placed it on the statute book. They are much too plain to be mistaken or disregarded.—Boston Herald.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

-There are not going to be any American goods sold at a profit in the English markets if the McKinley brethren can help it. No, sir!-Boston

Herald. --- Mr. McKinley's sugar bounty has cost the people of the United States another five million dollars. And it has also cost Mr. McKinley about five million votes.-St. Louis Republic.

-The recent ruction at Indianapolis demonstrated that if Mr. Harrison can get his own state behind him in vote. The delay in the sound financial the next republican convention he will | legislation was brought about by the have a good fighting chance.-St. Louis Republic. -Every time Mr. Foraker speaks

McKinley tariff law. Mr. McKinley needs to be saved from this sort of sup-

-Now that it is too late ex-Czar progressive legislation. - Albany Ar-Reed regrets the borish part he played in refusing to join in a vote of thanks to Speaker Crisp and shows the inten- Cullom has his Fifer. Vice presiden-

Indications of His Weakening on His Pro-

There seem to have been some queer ause an income tax has been imposed goings-on down at Thomasville, Ga., by the national government are prone where Gov. McKinley and other repubto object to it because of the lack of lican leaders have met lately in a sort

gratuitous levying of taxation which pants in that caucus, the results war-

Does Gov. McKinley, in his candi-

led up to it. That state of facts may To those familiar with Gov. McKinley's record on the tariff this inquiry doubtless seems ridiculous. If there diminished sources of revenue. Con- has been one thing which was considsciously or unconsciously, those who ered absolutely sure in current politics, have controlled public affairs for the it was that Gov. McKinley stood squarelast twenty-five years have been so ly and uncompromisingly for extreme conducting them as to make an income protection as embodied in the tariff act

come of their action. To charge the Nevertheless, the conference at responsibility for the levying of the in- Thomasville appears to have fully satcome tax upon those who have been isfied the stanchest and most agthe immediate agents in bringing it gressive opponent of the McKinley act into law is to take but a superficial in the republican party that the govview of the situation. We must go ernor is misunderstood on this point, further back to account for its appear- and that he is not the extreme proance. It must be traced in the policy tectionist his legislative record and his campaign speeches have led us to be-

the American government amounted blow for "McKinleyism" which has not Adams' administration, and one of the fought McKinleyism relentlessly when more in wealth. We had imposed a made in any quarter, whether demoheavy taxation which enabled us to cratic or republican, than those made

and decidedly unexpected announce-

William McKinley, of Ohio. The editor of the chief republican spicuous champion of tariff reform in the republican party not only intimates that he has been conciliated by stopped to reflect, would have realized the man who has been regarded as the that no nation in the world had ever most extreme apostle of protection, but spent anything like the sum of \$500,- that his platform will be virtually a 000,000 per year without resorting to an repudiation of what has been known income tax to meet the outlay. But it as McKinleyism. The governor's may be said, and with some truth, that | weakness, Mr. Medill says, is that "he our nation is not like most other na- will have to carry the responsibility of tions of the world in the extent of its | the tariff act of 1890, which cost the reresources for taxation. Admitting publican party two disastrous defeats, this, and the fact still remained that it including loss of the presidency. In morning or Good evening, he is sure was necessary to prudently employ the consequence of these defeats before the to go into a long disquisition upon the resources for taxation aside from in- mass of republicans will permit him subject of meteorology." comes, if income taxation was to be to receive the nomination he will be avoided. This is exactly what we required to disavow any policy that hope, and when you are restored to the failed to do. We had a tremendous may lead to a revision of the present

ness spirit for purposes of revenue, it But if McKinley has weakened on postponed, if not have avoided, the solid ground left the republican party levy of an income tax. But we entered to stand on?-Louisville Courier-Jour-

ELKINS TO THE FORE.

The Crafty Steve a Possible Presidential A West Virginia friend of Senatorelect Elkins gave form and substance to the rumors that Hon. Steve will be a candidate for the republican nomination for president. "His extensive business connections make him strong in the east," said Mr. Goshorn, "and his silver ideas will attract the west." He said furthermore that while Mr. Elkins has not publicly announced his candidacy, "he has already received pledges of support from many leaders of the party, including Quay and Cam-

eron. The West Virginia leader represents quite perfectly the principles, the habits and tendencies of the controlling spirits of his party's organization. He could easily stand for sound money and "business interests" at the east and for free silver and easy debt-paying at the south and west. A freebooter in domestic politics would be an ideal candidate for the foreign jingoists of his party. As for protection even above the old war limit, his mining and railroad enterprises give him abundant incentive for taxing consumers in

the interests of monopolies. If the leading republican candidates shall prove to be only strong enough to kill each other off, as has happened often in the history of conventions, there will be a chance for a dark horse. The republican politicians displayed the daring of their desires in nominating Blaine. They had the hardihood in their hope when they renominated Harrison. With the democratic party so badly crippled as it now is may they not manifest the audacity of their aspirations by nominating Elkins?-N. Y.

RECORD OF THE REPUBLICANS. Financial Difficulties Aggravated by Ob

structionists of the Party. It is apparently overlooked by many newspapers that there were any republicans at all in the last congress. Quay, Cameron, Hale, Frye, Reed, Boutelle and all the rest must have

been abroad and out of political life according to the criticisms of the congress made by the republican press. What was the record of the republicans in congress? There were grave questions to deal with; the financial question, the tariff, the federal election question and the relations of the United States with foreign countries. On these questions where did the republicans stand? Every obnoxicas amendment to the tariff bill was I wouldn't put them down in my kitchforced in it by the slight republican silver republicans like Teller and Wolcott. The sugar tariff is the work of the republican senators. The financial well of the McKinley presidential crisis came from the obstruction and oppostion of republican congressmen. boom he throws in an allusion to the The republican party has ceased to

be a party of affirmation and positive principles, of good measures, of sound legislation. Its orators have become of suggestions for constructive and

-McKinley has his Foraker and

PITH AND POINT.

-When lovers hang over the gate there is a good deal to be said on both sides before they quit.—Texas Siftings. -He-"My views on bringing up . family-" She-"Never mind your views. I'll bring up the family. You go and bring up the coal."-Yonkers Statesman.

-If a woman wants a new spring hat, She'll have it-that she will; Tis the part of wise discretion that

You promptly pay the bill.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer. -Financial.-Customer (with a handful of worn currency)-"These greenbacks are tough." Cashier-"I beg your pardon, they are legal tender."-Detroit Free Press.

-No matter whether he is eloquent

or not, the man who lives right will be listened to with interest by somebody every time he stands to speak in church.-Ram's Horn. -Mr. Newcome-"What is the latest

at the opera?" Miss Wagner-"For the last three nights it has been young Mrs. Felix in her latest Parisian gown."-N. Y. Ledger. -Hill-"MacShorte has sold a poem

entitled 'Ode to a Fair Lady.'" Hulls -"Has he? Well, he is more competent to write verses entitled 'Owed to a Landlady."-Tit-Bits. -Laugh, and the world laughs with you;

Yell, and the world yells, too. But you'll most always find,

You will have all the groaning to do. -Atlanta Journal. -She-"Why, this is only thirty-two inches, and you advertise it as a yard wide. Three feet make a yard." Gallant Salesman-"Not such feet as yours, lady."-Boston Transcript.

-Phil-"Would you be sorry to hear that I am going to marry Ethel?" Priscilla—"Yes, indeed I should." Phil (hopefully)— "Why?" Priscilla — "Because I like Ethel."—Vogue.

-Cholly Chumpey-"I see that earrings are coming into fashion again. Have your ears ever been bored?" Miss Caustic-"What a question. Haven't I often listened to your twaddle?"-Syra-

cuse Post. -Visitor-"It must be very difficult to produce such an exquisite work of of art." Dealer-"Nonsense. Almost anybody can paint a picture; but finding a victim to buy it after it is painted is where the art comes in."-Tit-

Bits. -"Please, ma'am," said the cook, "I'd like to give you a week's notice." "Why, Mary, this is a great surprise. Do you hope to better yourself?" "Well, no, not exactly that," answered Mary, with a blush. "I'm going to get married."-Christian Register.

-"I like Pingrey," Fogg says, "but yet I hate to meet him. If I accost him with a 'How are yer?' he will reply with the prolixity and particularity he would use in describing . his symptoms to a doctor; and if I merely say 'Good Transcript.

A THRIFTY YANKEE.

Took a Half-Dollar Fee for Finding Him-"The thriftiest citizen I have yet

seen," remarked the drummer to the hotel clerk, "I met last week." "Who was he? A Yankee?" asked the clerk. "Not exactly, but a half Yankee. He

lived down in one of those towns in that part of Ohio called the Western Reserve, and which was settled by New Englanders." "What did he do? Invite you to be

his guest during your visit and bring in a bill?" "Worse. You see, I was looking around the town for a man named James Wiggler, who owed us a bill, and couldn't find his house. I was directed to several places and it was always the wrong man's house. At last

got mad and the next man I met on the way I went at directly." " 'Excuse me,' said I, 'do you know where James Wiggler lives. "'Yes,' said he, looking at me kind

of funny. " 'Well,' said I, 'I've been looking for him all morning, and if you'll take me to his house I'll give you half a dol-

" 'All right,' said he and he took me around a square or two and stopped at gate with a big tree in front of it. " 'That's the place,' said he, nodding toward to house.

" 'Good enough," said I, 'I'll go in and see, and if you are right, I'll give you the money.' "My guide leaned up against the tree on the far side from the house and I went in. It was the right place.

but Mr. W. wasn't at home, so I came "I guess you found I was right, didn't you?' he asked with a grin when I rejoined him.

"'Yes, but he wasn't at home. Here's your half dollar. I'll come back after awhile,' said I. " 'You don't have to,' said he pocket-

ing the coin. 'Why not?" said I in surprise. " 'Because I'm him. What do you want to see me about?' And he smiled with such a satisfied air that I wanted

to knock him down."-Detroit Free

Press.

They Don't Speak Now. Mrs. Singleton put her head over the garden wall and thus addressed her neighbor, who was hanging out her

week's washing: "A family bas moved in the empty house across the way, Mrs. Clothes-

"Yes, I know." "Did you notice their furniture?"

"Not particularly." "Two vanloads, and I wouldn't give ten-dollar bill for the lot. Carpets! en! And the children! I won't allow mine to associate with them. And the mother! She looks as if she had never known a day's happiness. The father drinks, I expect. Too bad that such people should come into this neighbor-hood. I wonder who they are."

"I know them." "Do you? Well, I declare! Who are

they?" "The mother is my sister." (A painful pause ensues.)-London

He Must Be Bad. Lucy (single)-Do you think it is

wrong to smoke, dear? Fanny (married)-No, dear, I'm sure it isn't. "Why are you sure?"

sity of his human nature by trying to place the blame upon some one else.—

Detroit Free Press.

Culiom has his Fifer. Vice presidential booms are the greatest afflictions and if it were wrong I'm sure he would be it."—N. Y. World.

Bepublic. "Because my husband doesn't smoke: